

BAY CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS)

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Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m.

Those present were:

Dave Engelhardt, BCATS staff; Adam Rivard, MDOT Bay City; Terry Moulane, Bay City Planning; Dan Hansford, Essexville, Jim Lillo, Bay County Road Commission; and Dirk Westbury, BCATS Staff. Sarah Van Buren, FHWA was also present via conference call.

Introductions:

Introductions were made to introduce those present to Sarah Van Buren over the phone who could not attend the meeting.

Minutes from December 7, 2010 BCATS Tech meeting:

It was moved by Moulane, seconded by Rivard, to approve the minutes from the December 7, 2010 meeting. Motion Passed.

BCATS Non-Motorized Transportation Plan (NMTP) - Next Step:

Engelhardt discussed the steps taken on the NMTP to date, including identifying likely routes. The next step is to engage and encourage the local units to adopt the plan, with the biggest interest in the Bay City review and adoption. BCATS would adopt the plan after the other implementing agencies has reviewed and endorsed the plan. The plan would also include any changes from the cities if necessary. Hansford stated that Essexville is on board with the plan and discussed various non-motorized improvements in their Smith Park Plan. Moulane suggested that it should first go to the Bay City Planning Commission. Van Buren stated that with a NMTP in place, it can help leverage funding for non-motorized transportation projects.

2010 Aerial Photography:

Engelhardt informed the committee that the 2010 Bay County Aerial Photography is now available on the Bay County GIS website. This project utilized multiple funding sources, including BCATS and the Bay County Road Commission.

Trainings:

There are numerous training opportunities coming up including TAMC IRT training on 2/23 at SVSU; SR2S training in Bay City; ADA training session in Mid April also in Bay City and PASER training on 3/16 in Saginaw. All individuals who plan on collecting PASER data in 2011 must attend this training as TAMC will not reimburse for non PASER trained individuals for PASER data collection.

2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Travel Demand Model:

Initial results from the model are expected in March, with future SE data needed

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after that. Engelhardt had hoped for the majority of the work on the 2040 plan to be completed by the end of 2011. However, given the somewhat late model results, this may not occur.

Bay City Asset Management Report:

Engelhardt discussed a report that BCATS has been working on regarding the Bay City asphalt roads and using an asset management strategy. The goal is the use this same analysis BCATS wide to be a lead up to the 2040 long range plan showing that we do not have sufficient funds to maintain the system into the future. The report uses RoadSoft, the PASER data and cost from previous local road projects and projections using different funding scenarios. Rivard stated that MDOT also runs there own scenarios and will see if he can get those analyses to BCATS staff.

BCATS Flexible Match - FY 2011 and FY 2012:

Engelhardt noted that for FY 2011 flexible match estimates there is only \$1,678 of over match and based on estimates versus actual in FY'09 and '10, BCATS may not have the required match. Additional work items that are currently being done by the agencies that are eligible should be tracked and recorded to assure that BCATS is able to meet the required match.

Switching from flexible match to cash match may help cover the actual cost of work preformed by the agencies as fringe cost can be included using a cash matching option with the agencies being reimbursed for those eligible work items with proper documentation. Engelhardt will get some sample language from Jackson MPO and have it reviewed by the Bay County Corporate Council.

Project Updates:

The ***M-13 Bridge Project*** over the Cheboyganing Creek has begun with a March 2011 completion planned. Paving on this project will occur during the winter. The ***M-84 Project and I-75 project*** will restart in the spring after the M-13 Bridge project is complete. The ***Midland Road Project*** has the GI scheduled fro Feb. 22nd with a plan for a June letting.

Other/New Business: None

As there was no other business, the February 3, 2011 meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Engelhardt

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